

READINGPALS GREEN EGGS AND HAM CELEBRATION BREAKFAST

featuring Dr. Nikolai Vitti

Friday, June 7
at Florida Blue



United Way
of Northeast Florida

Dear ReadingPals, Supporters and Friends,

Thank you for your participation and support throughout the year. Whether you GIVE money to help put books in the hands of children, ADVOCATE on behalf of United Way and issues affecting our youngest learners or VOLUNTEER your time each week as a ReadingPal, you make a significant impact. Your time, talent and support helps United Way continue to make this a strong, viable community for everyone. We all know that when we lend a hand to one, we improve the condition of all, and that's what it means to Live United. Thank you for your involvement and we hope you will continue to help inspire children to love reading.

Sincerely,

**Katherine Foster and Susanna Vance,
ReadingPals Committee co-Chairs**

To become a ReadingPal for the 2013-2014 school-year or to learn more, visit uwnefl.org/readingpals or call 904-390-3255.

AGENDA

Welcome &

Highlights Susanna Vance,
ReadingPals Committee co-Chair

Heather Geraghty,
ReadingPals Committee Member

Special

Performance Pre-kindergarten students
of Punkin Place Child Development of Jax

Introduction of

Dr. Nikolai Vitti . . Connie Hodges,
President, United Way of Northeast Florida

Keynote Speaker . . Dr. Nikolai Vitti,
Superintendent, Duval County Public Schools

Closing Remarks . . Susanna Vance,
ReadingPals Committee co-Chair

2012-2013 Highlights

- 223 volunteers were screened, trained and placed at a participating center or school
- Nearly 500 children were matched with a ReadingPal
- 24 elementary schools and child care centers participated including: Duval County Public Schools, United Way Success by 6 centers, Early Learning Coalition of Duval Guiding Stars centers and Head Start centers
- More than 1,500 books were given to children to build home libraries
- More than 500 books were given to teachers to enhance classroom libraries
- ReadingPals economic impact for 2012-2013 was more than \$200,000

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Early Learning Coalition of Duval

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Commission

Jacksonville Public Library

ReadingPals Committee Members

Katherine Foster, co-Chair

Susanna Vance, co-Chair

Heather Geraghty

Tawanna Green

Libby Kelly

Vickie Robinson

Kathy Thomas

Lynn Wilkinson

2012-2013 Participating ReadingPals Sites

Amelia Island Academy

Annie R. Morgan Elementary

Carter G. Woodson Elementary

Chappell School- FSCJ

South Campus

Country Bumpkins

Episcopal Children's Services-
Exchange South

Head Start- Northeast Springfield

Head Start- Normandy

Just for Kids Learning Center

Learning Time Academy

Methodist Children's Village

North Shore Elementary

O2B Kids- Fleming Island

The Oaks Early Learning Academy

Parks Place Daycare and
Learning Center

Punkin Place Child
Development of Jax

Rufus E. Payne Elementary

The Salvation Army
Child Care Center

San Jose Elementary

Total Learning Center

Tutor Time Child Care- Lady Lake

Tutor Time- Old St. Augustine

Tutor Time Watermill

West Jacksonville Elementary

Additional Contributors

First Book

IBM

Jacksonville Jaguars

The Jaguars Foundation

Target Stores

ReadingPals Trainers

Karol Caparaso

Laura Crooks

Kathy Thomas

Lynn Wilkinson

Dr. Nikolai Vitti



In September of 2012, Dr. Nikolai P. Vitti was selected as Superintendent of Duval County Public Schools (DCPS). He was previously with Miami-Dade County Public Schools where he served as chief academic officer, assistant superintendent of the Education Transformation Office and principal of Homestead Middle School. Dr. Vitti also served as deputy chancellor of school improvement and student achievement with the Florida Department of Education. He was head dean of students in the Bronx, New York and began his educational career as a teacher at both the high school and middle school level in North Carolina and New York.

Dr. Vitti received the prestigious Presidential Scholarship from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and was a member of the urban superintendent program. He completed both his doctorate and master's from Harvard in education, administration, planning and social policy.

Since becoming superintendent of Duval County Public Schools, Dr. Vitti has strived to take the district from good to great by improving student achievement. Through his strategic plan, he is focusing on developing great teachers and leaders; engaging parents, caregivers and the community; developing the whole child and the equitable and efficient use of resources.

Under his leadership, the district has developed the Parent Academy, expanded voluntary pre-kindergarten, increased the number of guidance counselors helping to provide mental health and family support services and is working to put art and music in every school.

Dr. Vitti is married with four school-age children who all attend public schools.

2012-2013 ReadingPals Volunteers

Brenda Adams	Latrece Collier	Tawanna Green
Hazel Agee	Barbi Coyne	Yolanda Green
Monica Albertie	Amanda Crawford	Joanna Griffith
Laurie Albright	Laura Crooks	Virginia Grupe
Keturah Alexander	Londa Dahlke	Jim Guss
Erika Alley	Curtis Dahlke	Phyllis Guthrie
Joan Altavilla	Frances Dalton	Rachel Hall
Peggy Armstrong	Florita Daniel	Kelley Hall
Monica Asbell	Diane Darrah	Tricia Hardt
Lynette Atwater	Maya Dartiguenave	Debra Heimerl
Cathe Backherms	Maggy Dartiguenave	Polly Hensley
Amee Bailey	Barbara DeSantis	Coretta Hill
Lynette Barrett	Dawn DeSilver	Teresa Hill
Deborah Bartoy	Patty DeStephano	Julie Hirshan
Lancy Batchelor	Amy D'Olimpio	Sherry Holloway
Joy Beauchamp	Cynthia Duewel	Tracie Hubbard
Vicki Bell	Emily Dunham	Wendy Hummel
Janie Bender	Cynthia Eades	Donna Maria Jackson
John Berger	Lynda Edwards	Cindy James
Darryl Bowen	Melissa Elgersma	Ray Jennings
Tee Bradshaw	Elaine Eppolito	Jennifer Jones
Mary Lou Bremner	Stephanie Erwin	Tavia Jones
Lukas Brickweg	Katherine Etheridge	Renee Jones-Senior
Naomi Briggs	Clarisa Evans	Whitney Kantor
Kathy Brooks	Penny Fanroy	Libby Kelly
Tina Marie Brugos	Shelly Ferensic	Jeanne Kennedy
Karol Caparaso	Bleu Finster	Mary Alice Krause
Ben Carlson	Katherine Foster	Mary Lang
Sandra Carlson	Brenda Franklin	Wendy LaPrade
Dawn Carter	Lesley Freiner	Stella Laughter
Lynnette Chakkaphak	Jocelyn Gaffney	Sandra Lawson
Angela Chapman	Rebecca Garner	Bill Lee
Buffy Chapman	Laura Geisel	Dee Robertson Lee
Jamie Chiles	Heather Geraghty	Nancy Levine
Danielle Clark	Maureen Gibbons	Khalilah Liptrot
Barbara Clements	Sharon Gonzalez	Ty Longmeyer
Angela Coker	Natasha Graham	Rosanne Lotocki

Beverly Lowe	Jeffery Pearsall	Jason Simpson
Leslie Lynch	Robin Pearson	Gilbert Smith
Michelle Malalang	Sarah Pelican	Nancy Starling
Linda Malloy	Susan Pemberton	Connie Stemen
Karen Mangine	Maria Petow	Ladi Stepps
Kim Manor	Vanessa Phillips	Debra Stewart
Kimberly Marshall	Paula Pierce	Hazzel Sutton
Kathleen Martin	Heather Planishek	Anchetta Sutton
Tiffany McClain	Christopher Planishek	John Taylor
Patrick McKinley	Kelly Porter	Jeanne Tepas
Sara McMillan	Joan Potter	Kathy Thomas
Carol McNamara	Dawn Powell	Amy Thompson
Kelly McVeagh	Ginger Peacock	Shirley Turner
Shilpa Mehta	Preston	Annie Tutt
Tanya Middleton	Courney Radal	Michelle Uhlfelder
Arlene Miller	Rukiya Reed	Lisa Urbanek
Molly Miller	Faith Regan	Susanna Vance
Sandra Milton	Jim Riggan	Karen Walker
Max Moller	Vickie Robinson	Sara Walker
Reyla Montagna	Rehia Rountree	Diane Walker
Carolyn Montgomery	Joseph Rudi	Tracy Webb
Kristin Moore	Mary Rudisille	Donna Wheeler
Carrie Morgan	Joyce Russell	Carla White
Andrea Morgan	Mary Sadowski	Jill Wild
Ashley Muni	Anne Sandlin	Kinnetta Wilkes
Kerri Murphy	Marjorie Santini	Lynn Wilkinson
Kim Namey	Lydia Saris-Mechenbier	Brenda Williams
Samieh Norse	Alicia Scarver	Ellen Williams
Bisi Ogunjumo	Betsy Schifanella	Lenora Wilson
Tammy Oswald	Peggy Schiffers	Katie Wirth
Lauren Otradovec	Karen Schum	Kelly Wissinger
Cynthia Padilla	Courtney Scruggs	Kay Woodford
Karen Pandolfi	Charis Scurry	Sharon Wright
June Paula	Jerome Shepard	Dawn Wrightington
Nancy Peacock	Cheryl Shull	Louise Wyche
Linda Peacock	Debbie Sileo	Sharon Wygal

We apologize for any omissions or errors.

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